

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application No.: 10/624,331
Applicant: Shinichi NISHIKAWA
For: METHOD OF MANUFACTURING OPTICAL ELEMENT
MADE OF GLASS
Confirmation No.: 6976
Customer No.: 24367
Docket No.: 15162/06050
Filed: July 22, 2003
Group Art Unit: 1791
Examiner: Queenie S. Dehghan
Date Allowed: December 10, 2008

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

The following is a Preliminary Amendment, which is being submitted concurrently with the filing of a Request for Continued Examination.

This Preliminary Amendment is filed in response to the Response to Rule 312 Communication dated March 18, 2009.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.

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Preliminary Amendment dated March 24, 2009

Reply to Response to Rule 312 Communication of March 18, 2009

Please amend the above-identified application as follows: